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## ONE YEAR'S ASSESSMENT WORK TO BE EXTENDED

Order-in-Council Giving Prospectors Relief is Not a General Extension.

Last year when a general order permitting the extension of assessment work for a year was made by the Department of Mines, The Advance pointed out that many prospectors, while believing the Government had honestly tried to give a benefit, still thought that nothing but disadvantage would result from the Order. This viewpoint has practically been proven correct this year. Prospectors and others interested have been emphatic in expressing their opinion that under conditions this year it would be next to impossible to follow the law this year and do the 1917 and 1918 work in this one year. Resolutions from Boards of Trade and other bodies have been submitted to the Government asking for a further extension. Deputations have appealed to the Minister to the same effect. Some have gone so far as to suggest that all assessment work should be extended until after the war. But all were practically agreed that two years' work could not well be done this year at any rate. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson was in the Camp some days ago and several prospectors and others interviewed him about the matter. Apparently he was anxious to do the best thing for all concerned, but none can blame him if he were a little slow to accept the easily preferred advice, when it was the acceptance of just such advice last year that made the present problem. However, Hon. Mr. Ferguson could see the force of the argument against two years' assessment work in the one year—and that one year this year when labor is so scarce and supplies so high in price. As a consequence he promised that an Order-in-Council will be passed regarding extending the time for assessment work on mining claims. This Order-in-Council will not be a general extension and it will not effect the work on claims that were not included in the extension privilege of last year. It is intended apparently only to relieve claim holders from two years' work this year when labor and other conditions are so unfavorable. The terms of the Order-in-Council will be to the effect that where the Order-in-Council of last year has resulted in the necessity of two years' assessment work this year, the claim holder will be required to do the work this year that would have ordinarily been done last year, the time to do this year's assessment work being extended until next year. Next year a further extension along similar lines may be made.

## ALL CASES BUT ONE REMANDED ON THURSDAY.

On account of the absence in Haileybury of Chief Clark and Constable Greer there was practically no police court here last Thursday. The only case to be disposed of by Magistrate Atkinson was that of the three clothing salesmen charged with breach of a town by-law by peddling without a license. This case had been remanded from the previous week for decision to be given, and Magistrate Atkinson found that the men were not liable under the town by-law, so they were acquitted. A number of other cases were given a week's remand to allow for the presence of Chief Clark and Constable Greer. Among the remanded cases was that of the Bulgarian accused of a breach of the law against the white slave traffic.

## SCHUMACHER FIRE BRIGADE'S GOOD WORK.

Schumacher had a blaze of some proportions last week when the residence of Mr. J. Labelle was found to be on fire. The Schumacher Brigade under Fire Chief Wm. Bennett made a prompt and effective response to the alarm. From the time the alarm rang until there was over 700 feet of hose connected and the water turned on was only a matter of seven minutes. The fire was never allowed outside the house where it was discovered and in a comparatively short time the blaze was extinguished. The damage will amount to about \$150.00.

The Steamer Agnes made its first excursion trip of the season on the 24th of May, while further excursion trips were made on Sunday. Special dates and special trips may be arranged at any time by phoning Mr. John Power, while it is likely that the regular Sunday excursions that were so pleasing a feature last year will be conducted this year again.

## REAL FIRE PROMISED HERE FOR JULY 1st.

But the Firemen Will Extinguish It. Big Program for Big Day.

At a meeting of the Timmins Fire Brigade Monday evening preparations were further perfected for the big Temiskaming Firemen's Demonstration at Timmins on July 1st. The following were appointed as the general committee in charge of arrangements,—part of this committee looking after the sports and the rest to deal with the advertising and business arrangements;—Fire Chief A. Borland, Alf. Laxton, J. K. Moore, W. G. Smith, Art. Carson, Joe Sullivan, W. Pierce and J. D. Maclean.

One of the features planned for the big day on July 1st is the demonstration of the chemical fire engine. A temporary house will be built on the ball grounds and this will be set on fire and the firemen will then demonstrate how they work with the chemical engine and what happens to fires in such cases.

Among the other features planned for the First of July is a baseball match open to all teams, the prize to be \$100. There will also be a visit to the Hollinger Mine, a parade, hose-reel and wagon races, hose-coupling contest, and a long list of athletic sports, all with good prizes.

## CITIZENS SHOW NO RESPONSE TO CALL

Opportunity of Increasing Production Finds No Enthusiastic Reply.

For some reason, or a number of reasons, the citizens of Timmins have displayed no enthusiasm over the offer of the Board of Trade to fence, plough and prepare a five-acre section of good garden land to be divided into plots of 50 by 100 feet, the only cost to the applicant being \$10, this amount to be used to help pay the cost of fencing and preparing the land. Announcement was made last week regarding the offer and the time limit for applications for lots set as Tuesday evening of this week. Up to date, however not a single honest-to-goodness application has been received, though there are a number of enquiries made to W. S. Macpherson at the Town Office, with whom applications were to be filed. The Board of Trade Committee is extending the time for applications for a week, and to accommodate any who want to prepare their own land are ready to arrange matters along that line. The fee of \$10 is away below what it would cost the individual to fence, plough and prepare a lot, so the cost can hardly be the detrimental factor to thus securing recruits to the cause of increased production. Interest in general, however, seems to be lacking, and as the time runs along, the Board of Trade Committee will soon feel justified in believing that they have done all their part and if the cause fails it will be the fault of those who failed to take up the offer.

## OPENING DAY OF NEW STORE A BIG SUCCESS.

The Opening Day of the New Drug Store, opened on Third Avenue, next to the theatre, attracted large crowds on Saturday and the Curtis Drug Co. had a big first day's business in their new store in Timmins. One of the features of the day was the free distribution of roses to customers. Thousands of roses were given away, but even the unusually large supply secured proved inadequate for the number of customers visiting the store and in the afternoon there were no more roses left though the customers kept on coming in groups. The fine equipment of the store, the large new stocks and the good service given, were other features of the new store that attracted favorable attention. Those customers who did not receive free roses on Saturday will be supplied on Friday of this week, Mr. Curtis having taken the names of all who were too late last week for the free distribution.

Golden Beaver Lodge, A.F. & A.M., purpose giving a dance for the brethren and their friends on either the 7th or 14th of June, the date to be decided in the next day or two.

## CHALLENGE TO MINE MANAGERS FOR GAME

Public School Ready to Play Winners of May 24th Game for Any Stake.

The Mine Managers who won the baseball game with the Business Men here on the 24th of May are not to be allowed to rest on their laurels or to claim the championship as baseballers without challenge. This week the Public School has issued a challenge to play the Mine Managers on the afternoon of June 3rd, the King's Birthday, or on any Wednesday afternoon decided upon, the proceeds to go to patriotic causes. The P. S. boys have some good baseball talent, and believe that they can do to the Mine Managers what the Mine Managers did to the Business Men on May 24th. All they ask is a chance, and they would be pleased to hear from the Mine Men in the interests of fun and patriotism. If the Mine Managers have recovered from their game on the 24th they should write, or call on the Principal of the Public School who will no doubt be pleased to arrange a game for the King's Birthday or some other date. The boys are anxiously awaiting a reply to this challenge.

## EMPIRE DAY PROGRAM AT TIMMINS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Empire Day, May 23rd., was pleasantly observed in the Public School this year, the program being of an attractive patriotic type. An appropriate Scripture reading—Psalm 46—was followed by the Lord's Prayer, and then came the National Anthem, which in turn was succeeded by pleasing songs, essays and literary papers of patriotic flavor. The songs included: "O, Canada," "My Own Canadian Home," and "The Land of the Maple." The essays and papers read were ably dealt with and showed much thought and ability. Among the titles may be mentioned: "The Story of Our Flag," "Why Canada Entered the War," "The Story of St. Julien," "The Story of Vimy Ridge," "Passchendaele Ridge," "The Capture of Courcette," and "What Canada Has Contributed to the War in Men and in Money." Another attractive feature was the recitation, "In Flander's Field." The program closed with the Saluting of the Flag and "God Save the King."

## FINLANDER HALL BEING PLASTER-COATED.

Work was commenced this week on the plaster-coating of the exterior of the Finlander Hall. The Hall is being improved thus, not only in appearance, but also from the fire risk standpoint. The plastering work is being done by John Kilgore. For repairs, improvements, etc., at the Finlander Hall, it is said that over \$1000 is being spent at this time. When the work is completed the hall will be a structure of creditable appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Cousins arrived home last Wednesday after a two week's vacation in Toronto.

## Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

The directors of the Davidson mine visited the Camp last week and were well-pleased with the progress being made and the promises showing for future extension. Millheads are expected to run \$14 a ton from the ore now being milled. Big plans are said to be under way for further development of the Davidson and the visit of the directors was in this connection.

Following the recent visit of Col. Sir John Carson announcement is made semi-officially that the Porcupine Crown is not to close down as has been suggested, but that development and mining work will be carried on as hitherto.

The first shipment of baryte from the Premier-Langmuir Mine was made last week. The shipment aroused special interest on the T. & N.O. for several reasons. In the first place this being the first shipment made of baryte from a North Land mine, it was an event of some importance. The deceptive appearance of the shipment was another feature. The bags containing the baryte were small,—no larger than

## Pte. DUNBAR WRITES OF "GERMAN BEASTS"

After Three Years in German Prison North Land Man Gives Opinion.

Pte. Percy Dunbar, whose mother and brother reside at Haileybury, and who has another brother, Talbot Dunbar, (formerly of Timmins), now in training with the Royal Air Force at Camp Mohawk, Deseronto, was recently exchanged from a German prison where he had spent three years. Writing from Fort Friz. The Hague, Holland, Pte. Dunbar says:—"At last my dream of freedom has come true and it does not seem right not to have a German beast at my heels all day long. Never allow any one who is tainted with one drop of German blood to speak to you or yours. It is very beautiful here and the people are very kind and friendly. I am quite happy. Love to all."

Pte. Dunbar went overseas in 1914 with the 48th Highlanders and was taken prisoner at St. Julien with many of his comrades in April, 1915. He was in German prison camps until a little over a month ago when he was transferred with some other British prisoners to Holland. After three years of life in Germany his summing up of his conception of German character and Germany's code of morals is condensed in the sentence:—"Never allow any one who is tainted with one drop of German blood to speak to you or yours." This is the heartfelt opinion of a host of other British soldiers who have suffered the horrors of German prison camps. These men KNOW, and from bitter experience voice their knowledge of the "German beasts."

## OVER \$200 IN FINES FOR GAMBLING THIS WEEK.

Chief Clark and Officers Greer, McInnis and Sally made three important and interesting raids on Sunday evening after church. In the first place visited nine Austrians and Russians were found enjoying a little game of poker and in the second place eleven of the same breeds were found to be similarly employed, contrary to the Lord's Day Act, the Criminal Code and the Town By-laws. The third place visited found four young Italians at a friendly game with only two or three dollars on the table. The twenty-four men thus taken into custody were before Justice of the Peace Montgomery on Monday evening. The Austrians and Russians who were in the big games were each fined \$10 and costs, while the Italians were fined \$5 and costs each. The Town netted \$210 from the convictions, only one or two failing to pay up promptly. These raids will likely make gambling on the Lord's Day either more unpopular or more carefully watched and guarded from the police.

E. Woolings, a twelve-year-old Englehart boy, was accidentally shot on Victoria Day by a boy friend who was pushing him along with the rifle which he did not know was loaded. Woolings was shot through the liver, but at Haileybury hospital is making good progress to recovery.

## BISHOP LATULIPPE'S FIRST VISIT HERE

Hearty Welcome Accorded the First Pastoral Visit of His Lordship.

His Lordship Bishop Latulippe paid his first pastoral visit to Timmins on Friday last and he was accorded a very hearty welcome here by his parishioners. When His Lordship's special car arrived on Friday there was a crowd of over 200, including many children, at the station to greet and welcome their Bishop. During his stay in town he was showered with attentions and the large crowds turning out at all the services evidenced the affection and esteem in which the Bishop is held. On Sunday morning after the 10 o'clock Mass, there was a procession of the Altar Boys, and the Bishop was presented with an address and a purse of \$500. The address gave expression to the appreciation and esteem felt for His Lordship by the parishioners of Timmins. Mr. J. P. McLaughlin, Mayor of Timmins, read the address in English, and Mr. J. B. Pare read it in French. His Lordship Bishop Latulippe made feeling and appropriate reply in both English and French.

On Saturday His Lordship went in the morning to South Porcupine for the confirmation of a number of children there. A number of motor cars accompanied the party from Timmins. During His Lordship's stay in Timmins 223 were confirmed here.

All the services here were unusually attractive and inspiring. The eloquent addresses of the Bishop were a matter of special interest and inspiration to all.

Bishop Latulippe left here on Sunday afternoon for pastoral visits to Moonbeam and Fauquier, after which he will return to Cochrane for a visit. Rev. Father Therriault, P.P., of Timmins, will join the Bishop at Cochrane this week. Rev. Father Pelletier, of Iroquois Falls, was among the visiting priests with the Bishop during his visit here.

The reception given Bishop Latulippe in Timmins was one of the warmest tendered him on any of his pastoral visits in the North Land, and he was pleased with the evident sincerity of the people, while all here speak in the most enthusiastic terms of the inspiration and effect of his visit.

## FIREMEN'S ANNUAL BALL SUCCESSFUL EVENT

Over 70 Couples Enjoy Pleasant Evening of May 24th.

Timmins Fire Department has a happy way of doing well whatever it may undertake,—from the fighting of a fire to the staging of a successful social event. Consequently, no one expected anything else than a pleasant and successful event on Friday evening when the Firemen's Annual Ball was held in the Masonic Hall. And none were disappointed in this, for the ball on the ball on the evening of the 24th of May is generally conceded to be the best social event of its kind held in the Camp this year. There were about 70 couples present and all had a most enjoyable time. The Appel orchestra supplied good music, and the dancing was much enjoyed. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, flags and bunting being chiefly in evidence with a few devices suggestive of the firemen's calling, while the cups and other trophies won by the brigade were also given place. The refreshments were unusually good and there was enough and to spare in this line. The Firemen wish to thank the ladies for the work and food supplied, and the citizens in general for assisting in making the event so noteworthy and so pleasing a success. The Firemen will net about \$125 for their funds from this year's Ball.

## WOMAN FINED FOR COWS RUNNING AT LARGE.

Gib. McInnis laid charges against a Finlander woman this week for oats and hay destroyed by two cows of hers that were running at large on the streets. The woman was before Justice of the Peace Montgomery on Monday night, and a fine of \$8 and costs was imposed for allowing the cows to run at large. The J.P. pointed out that the matter of collecting damages was for the Division Court where suit should be instituted to recover the price of any fodder eaten by the cows while running at large.

## VICTORIA DAY BALL NETS RED CROSS \$61

Mine Managers Defeat Business Men 11 to 6, in Some Game.

There was a goodly-sized crowd at the baseball game played by the Mine Managers and the Business Men on the afternoon of the 24th of May. Everybody enjoyed the game,—even the players. From the collection taken up on the occasion by Councillor Chas. Pierce there was \$56.60 netted, and the Firemen donated another \$5 to this amount, making the total for the Red Cross from the afternoon's sport, \$61.60. Councillor Pierce gave the Timmins Red Cross a cheque for this amount on Monday.

It was easier to witness the game than it is to describe it. It was no ordinary game. The only ordinary thing about it was the Umpire was under suspicion of being crooked. One man suggested that the Umpire felt he had to be very careful in his decisions, being a man in business in town. So he weighed the printing from the mines against the advertising from the business men,—and so the Mine Men won. This is another proof for the business men that it pays to advertise. There were three scorers at work all through the game, but an audit shows the game was too many for them, and they misappropriated practically everything but the runs,—11 for the Mine Managers and 6 for the Business Men,—and one of these runs was a walk and another a funeral march. If J. P. McLaughlin had secured the services at the bat of one of the Councillors who can knock things better than the Mayor, and if the other J. P. had induced the New Ontario Greyhound to run the bases for him, the result might have been different,—if the business men had only advertised. But why repine! Umpire—Geo. Lake.

For the Mine Managers, W. E. McCoy was pitcher; Mr. Davey, catcher; C. G. Williams, 1st base; P. A. Robbins, 2nd base; Hugh B. Lee, 3rd base; Wm. Hatch, short stop; and the out-fielders were Messrs. A. F. Brigham, A. R. Globe, Capt. McAllister and Mr. Eubanks.

The Business Men had John Fogg and E. A. Noble as pitchers and C. M. Auer as catcher. A. S. Fuller was on 1st base, E. J. Meyers on second, and Dr. Moore on third. The out-fielders were Messrs. H. J. Marshall, J. P. McLaughlin, D. Ostrosser and J. P. Taillon.

The exact position of the fielders was in doubt, except when a high-flyer came down when they would not be there.

In the first innings, C. M. Auer made a run for the Business Men, while Messrs. Hatch, Robbins and McCoy each scored one for the Mines. Until the sixth innings the Business Men made no more runs, but then Auer, Noble, Moore and Taillon each made one apiece. In the eighth innings Auer made one more. In the second innings the Mine Men scored one each by Hatch and Robbins, while Davey, Lee, McAllister and Eubanks added another each in the third. In the sixth innings McCoy made one and in the eighth he did not score. The score was thus 11 to 6 and the Business Men again lost out through lack of advertising.

Among the features of the game was the pitching of John Fogg, the batting of H. J. Marshall (once), and the hitting of J. P. McLaughlin (once) and the base stealing of C. M. Auer and Eubanks.

There were some good plays, and some bad plays, and some plays that were not so bad. But the game was a big success. It was good, wholesome, hearty, good-natured fun for all concerned. It was a pleasant recreation for Victoria Day and the Red Cross is ahead \$61.60. It is to be hoped that the winning team,—the Mine Managers,—will accept the challenge of the Public School and put on another enjoyable game for the King's Birthday, June 3rd.

## CHANGE IN BANKING HOURS ON JUNE 1st.

Owing to the shortage of clerical help and other causes arising from the war, the banks have found it necessary to make a change in the banking hours commencing June 1st., the banks will be open to the public for business each day from 9:30 in the morning until 2:30 in the afternoon, and on Saturdays from 9:30 to noon.

The Timmins Oddfellows and Rebekahs are planning for a dance next month, to be held in the Masonic Hall, the proceeds to go to the brethren in khaki.